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1. ON JANUARY 7 POLADS DISCUSSED APAG AND REACHED FOLLOWING CONCLUSIONS:

A. TO ACCEPT THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT'S INVITATION TO HOLD THE SPRING 1975 APAG MEETING AT ROYAMOUNT;

B. THAT THERE WILL BE NO OTHER APAG MEETING DURING 1975 BUT INSTEAD THE DANISH GOVERNMENT WILL HOST THE FOLLOWING APAG MEETING IN THE SPRING OF 1976;

C. THAT THE 1975 MEETING SHOULD BE AFTER EASTER BUT AT LEAST ONE MONTH BEFORE THE SPRING NATO MINISTERIAL MEETINGS; THEREFORE, LATE APRIL APPEARED TO BE THE OPTIMAL TIMING. POLADS CHAIRMAN KASTL, WHO IS ALSO CHAIRMAN OF APAG, SUGGESTED FOCUS MIGHT BE SHARPENED ON PERIOD 14-18 APRIL AS PROPOSED TIME FRAME OF SPRING MEETING.

D. THAT THERE IS NO OBJECTION TO OR PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE FOR THE RECOMMENDED SUBJECT FOR THE NEXT APAG CONFIDENTIAL

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MEETING, I.E. "THE PROBLEM OF NATURAL RESOURCES, INCLUDING RAW MATERIALS, ENERGY AND FOOD, IN THE EAST-WEST CONTEXT," EXCEPT CANADA SUGGESTS THE WORD "PROBLEM" BE SUBSTITUTED BY WORD "ROLE", AND FRANCE RESERVES DECISION AT THIS TIME;

E. THAT ALLIES STILL NEED TO DISCUSS RECOMMENDATIONS
IN PARAGRAPHS 3, 4 AND 5 OF C-M(74)47, THE NOTE BY THE APAG
CHAIRMAN WHICH COVERED HIS REPORT OF THE JUNE 1974 MEETING.

2. COMMENT: ALL THESE POLADS CONCLUSIONS ARE SUBJECT TO
RATIFICATION BY THE COUNCIL. KASTL INDICATED THAT SUBJECT OF
APAG WOULD BE SCHEDULED FOR NAC DISCUSSION IN THE NEAR FUTURE.
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